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SUBJ: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

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1. CONGEN WAS ADVISED OF PROBLEM OF AS YET UNCONFIRMED MORGAN CHOIR PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE IN LENINGRAD SHORTLY BEFORE THEIR ARRIVAL BY TELECON FROM CAO HELSINKI. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH LENINGRAD INTOURIST AND UNION OF SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES ELICITED RESPONSE FROM FORMER THAT GROUP WAS KNOWN TO BE COMING TO LENINGRAD, BUT THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT A SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE. FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, WHICH CLAIMED TOTAL IGNORANCE OF GROUP'S EXISTANCE, PROMISED TO ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE A PERFORMANCE AT A LOCAL SCHOOL, THOUGH WOULD PROMISE NOTHING ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. ALTHOUGH THE SOCIETY SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT IT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SCHEDULING A PERFORMANCE, UPON GROUP'S ARRIVAL INTOURIST ADVISED THAT THE SCHOOL CONCERNED HAD REFUSED, SAYING THAT THE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY HAD ACTED IMPROPERLY IN SPEAKING FOR THEM, AND THAT TIME WAS MOST INCONVENIENT. GROUP'S SHORT STAY IN LENINGRAD DID NOT PERMIT ALTERNATE SCHEDULING.

2. CONGEN, WHICH ENJOYS GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH FRIDNSHIP SOCIETY, HAS NO REASON TO SUSPECT THAT NON PERFORMANCE WAS THE RESULT OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN A COMBINATION OF INTOURIST INEFFICIENCY AND FAILURE OF GROUP TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT AND CONGEN OF THEIR PLANS. FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY HAS SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES FOR

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